

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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Immunization Updates

Message from CDC about Hib Surveillance: physicians should increase efforts for timely serotyping and reporting of all cases of invasive H. influenzae disease in children less than 5 years old. In October 2008 Merck announced that their supply outage of Hib vaccines (PevaxHIB and Comvax) would continue until mid-2009. The extended vaccine shortage heightens the need for timely reporting and investigation of all H. influenzae cases, and accurate serotyping of all invasive H. influenzae isolates in children under 5 years old. For questions or to report invasive H. influenzae call the Office of Communicable Disease at 222-2577.

Updated Td/Tdap VIS: CDC has developed a new Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) that can be used for both Td and Tdap vaccines. It is dated 11/18/08, and available to order by phone at 1-800-942-7434 or online at: kidsnet.health.ri.gov/forms/. This Td/Tdap VIS replaces the 7/12/06 Tdap VIS and the 6/10/94 Td VIS. These two older VISs may still be used until stocks are depleted.

Immunization Webcast: On December 18, from noon to 2:00 PM ET, CDC will present a webcast titled *The Immunization Encounter, Critical Issues*. This program will address issues related to the routine immunization clinic encounter including patient and parent communication and education, vaccine storage and handling, preparing for medical emergencies, etc. Continuing Education (CE) credits will be provided. For more information, go to www2a.cdc.gov/PHTN/default.asp.

Menactra and HPV

Next Due recommendations are now available in KIDSNET for Menactra and HPV vaccines. The KIDSNET Immunization Screen will now indicate if an invalid dose is given by displaying a footnote. These vaccines will be added to the Missing Immunization Report in the future. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the recommendations for these vaccines.

Delay of Data getting into KIDSNET - Due to staffing shortages and an increased data volume during flu season, there may be a delay in processing immunization data submitted electronically or on paper data sheets to KIDSNET. Electronic data is much more likely to be processed quickly. Any practices wishing to switch from paper to electronic data submission should contact Kim Salisbury-Keith at 222-5925 or Kim.SalisburyKeith@health.ri.gov. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Immunization Report

In November 2008, the following 5 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Fatima Health Center, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Westerly Pediatrics, and Dr. Richard Ohnmacht.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In November 2008, the following 21 pediatric practices used this report: **Anchor Medical Associates, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Dierolf-Aquidneck Portsmouth, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, East Bay Family Healthcare, Everett Wilcox Center, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, Northwest Health Center, Central Health Center, Capitol Hill Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Thundermist Health Center of South County, West Warwick, and Woonsocket, Spectrum Health Care, Tri-Town Health Center, University Family Medicine, Wood River Health Services, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!